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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
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5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Canceled)
8. (Currently Amended) An outrigger assembly for stabilizing a vehicle, comprising:

a pair of elongated support housings each adapted to be pivotally attached to said vehicle at a pivot point and each adapted to extend toward opposite sides of said vehicle from each other;

each housing having an open end having an extendible-retractable beam telescopically fitted therein;

an ~~actuator~~ independently actuatable double acting hydraulic cylinder for extending ~~[[or]]~~ and retracting each beam;

a jack tower affixed to an end of each beam at an angle offset from 90 degrees, said jack tower including a first component affixed to said beam and a second extendible-retractable component telescopically affixed to said first component and having a ground engaging pad attached thereto;

an ~~actuator~~ independently actuatable double acting hydraulic cylinder for extending and ~~restricting~~ retracting each said second component; and

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an actuator for pivoting each housing about said pivot point.

9. (Original) An assembly according to claim 8, wherein each actuator comprises an independently actuatable double acting hydraulic cylinder.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim ~~[[11]]~~ 8, wherein said angle of offset is about 5 degrees to about 25 degrees.
13. (Currently Amended) An assembly according to claim 8, wherein said jack towers each comprise hydraulic cylinders and said second components comprise extendable-retractable rods telescopically fitted ~~[[is]]~~ in said cylinders.
14. (Original) An assembly according to claim 8, wherein said housing is adapted to be pivotally attached to a first side of said vehicle and said beam extends beyond the opposite side of said vehicle.
15. (Original) An assembly according to claim 8, wherein said vehicle comprises a fire engine fitted with an extendable aerial ladder.